

MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION



Comment Periods Coming Soon

The Forest Plan Revision is a long-term process that involves many steps. The Forest will accept comments at any time, however, there are specific opportunities throughout this process for the public to provide input and to comment on different related products being developed. The table below includes some of the upcoming commenting opportunities; this list is not comprehensive for the entire Planning Revision process. Any updates, or changes, to the dates below will be shared with the public on our Forest Plan Revision website.

Comment Period	Online Comment Method*	Topic	Start Date
30-Days	Comment Form	Draft Assessment Report	June 22, 2017
30-Days	Comment Form	Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR)	July 1, 2017
30-Days	Collaborative Mapping Tool	Scenic Management System (SMS)	July 21, 2017
30-Days	Collaborative Mapping Tool	Wilderness - Evaluation Phase	Fall 2017
60-Days <i>Initiation of NEPA</i>	Comment Form	Scoping –Preliminary Need to Change Report; draft Plan Component Report; Assessment Report.	Fall 2017

*We will also accept comments via email, postal mail, and hand delivery to our District and Supervisor Offices.

Commenting Methods

The Forest will accept comments in any format, but the preferred methods are identified below. Additional information on how to comment using this method can be found under the 'How to Comment' section on our Forest Plan Revision page.

Online Commenting Form

- During identified commenting period, this option will be available to the public. This option allows for a more streamlined, simplified and user-friendly approach.

Collaborative Mapping Tools

- In some cases, such as the Wilderness Evaluation, we are looking for comments specific to geographic areas. This online mapping and commenting tool allows the public to identify a specific location within the plan area and attach a comment specific to that area.

(see other side for summary of concurrent processes)



Concurrent Processes



Draft Assessment Report

- In the Fall of 2016 the Forest completed its draft Assessment Report. Per the 2012 Planning Rule, this was a 'rapid' assessment using best available information and covering 15 key resource topics. This is not a decisional document. This report will be used to help identify the Forest's 'Need to Change' the existing 1986 Forest Plan.



Wild and Scenic Rivers

- After reviewing the 2007-2008 WSR evaluation process, eight (8) river segments within the plan area were identified as **having not been included** in that effort. These rivers will now undergo the WSR evaluation process to determine eligibility.



Wilderness

- In Fall 2017, the Forest will move to the next phase of the Wilderness Evaluation Process: the *Evaluation*. The public will be asked to provide comments about the Forest's Wilderness Characteristics, which are identified in the Wilderness Protection Act of 1964.



Scoping – Preliminary Need to Change Report, draft Initial Plan Component Report, and the Assessment Report.

- In Fall 2017, the Forest will enter into the NEPA portion of Forest Plan Revision. At this time, the Forest will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register and will then release these three documents to the public for a 60-day comment period.

For updates on our Plan Revision effort, visit our StoryMap website (<http://bit.do/manti-lasalplanrevision>) or Planning page (<http://bit.do/mlsnfplanningpage>). You can also contact the Plan Revision Team with questions at mlnplanrevision@fs.fed.us; by phone at 435-636-3508; or via postal mail at 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501.